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"As a matter of fact," she explained, "what we wear are not bloomers at all." "Quite right," he returned. "They are bifurcated monstrosities."

A Philadelphia widow surprised her friends by decorating her wheel with crepe when she went cycling a few days after the death of her husband.

An effort is being made to save the Poe cottage at Fordham, as it will be destroyed by certain city improvements now in progress if it is not moved.

The official report on the number of failures in Germany (except Saxony-Mecklenburg) states the number for the current year at 1,524, against 1,705 in the same time last year.

An Englishman in Japan complains of the "perpetual feast of green tea and snails, with nothing but rice and raw fish for a change." That Englishman should emigrate.

Under the new law in New York any voter who tears, spoils or defaces an official ballot is entitled to two others—three in all. Each voter has five minutes to prepare his ticket, and no longer if the booth is in demand.

Mowbray, an English anarchist, made a speech at an open air meeting in Chicago, but when he attempted to urge the destruction of governmental authority he was stopped by the police. This fellow should be deported at once.

Men who are close to Gov. Campbell hint that his speech at Columbus on the evening of the 25th of September will be signalized by some startling exposure of misrule in State affairs under Gov. McKinley's administration.

The Atlanta Constitution wants to know what is the reason that the Cuban patriots should not be accorded belligerent rights by Congress? Will someone tell it why this course should not be taken?

The Philadelphia Ledger furnishes the information that the Salvation Army in New York has succeeded in exhibiting a converted Tammany politician, but that they have not yet secured a rescued Philadelphia Councilman.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton objects to the title "old maid" being longer applied to an elderly unmarried woman. In these days of the new woman she holds the title improper. She wants an unmarried woman to be called a "bachelor," and not a woman bachelor at that.

A little learning in foreign language is a dangerous thing. A young Boston woman who is fond of displaying her proficiency in French, recently told of an interview which she had obtained with a famous woman writer. A friend was curious to know how the distinguished personage was dressed. "Oh, well," was the answer, "she wasn't dressed much in the morning. She just wore her nom de plume."

A GERMAN MISSION LOOTED.

Late news from China says that on Friday last a German mission near Swatow was looted by 600 Chinese, and a special from Hong Kong, published in the London Times the following day, says that at the annual examination in Canton thousands of students were given copies of an Imperial decree, which forcibly condemns Christians, of which doctrines the following is an extract:

"A stupid, black-haired race is establishing sundry sects, and they regard not their own lives, but pretend to rise again as immortal men and women. They congregate and, abandoning chastity, behave like obscene birds and beasts."

"Faithful Confucians must shoot stones and behead them without mercy."

"I, the Emperor, command the authorities to eradicate these weeds and vermin. Kill the serpents! Throw them to the wolves and tigers; because there is no salvation for them, either against heaven-sent calamities or misfortunes caused by human agencies."

The above is in direct conflict with the published reports of a few days since, which said that the higher authorities, including the Emperor, had taken a hand in the investigation of the late massacre at Kucheng, and that a part of the notices had been executed. But as the Atlanta Constitution says:

"It is probable that all of these conflicting stories are true. The Chinese are notorious for duplicity, and it is quite likely that the Emperor is playing a double game. In order to deceive us he would be perfectly willing to execute a few dozen of his subjects. Life in China is held in light esteem, and the beheading of a few Kucheng outlaws amounts to nothing."

"Whether we are joined by the European powers or not, it is the duty of our Government to protect the American missionaries and others of our citizens in China. We must either do so or publicly announce that we are powerless in this matter and that the Americans in China must take care of themselves. The latter alternative is too humiliating to be thought of, and no true patriot would be lost in sending a fleet to China with orders to burn gunpowder whenever it may be necessary."

If, however, the report of the looting of the German mission is true, it will not take long to have the fact established, whereupon the Kaiser will, no doubt, be heard from.

WHITENING COALS.

England is a great country in very many respects, and yet her people have not been thought to be very enterprising. The latest move, however, knocks such an idea in the head, the London Realm furnishing information as follows:

"We are carrying our passion for cleanliness pretty far when we take to whitening coals in engine tenders. This was the course actually adopted on Friday when the Princess of Wales and her daughters left Victoria station for Osborne. Only the top layer is thus whitened; the fireman taking his supplies from a trap door on the floor of the tender."

The next move will be the whitening of Dunne's conscience.

POSSIBILITIES OF WAR.

"Military and naval experts," says the Philadelphia Item, "are quietly directing attention to the possibilities of a mighty European war with Russia and France united against England and all Europe. The present armed force of France and Russia is 1,230,000 men. In four years Germany and Italy have expended \$42,000,000 on war purposes. France and Russia \$98,200,000; Great Britain in four years \$87,200,000. What are the chances if such a terrible onslaught of two powerful nations takes place?"

Great Britain is isolated; Italy and Spain are in financial distress; Germany is rent internally; Austria is verging to dissolution, but France and Russia are strong and united. The population of France is 39,000,000, Russia 127,000,000. When this terrible day of reckoning comes the world will stand aghast, and the foundation of every throne in Europe will rock and totter."

This seems to be a large sum of money and in truth it is, but the total amount is nothing when compared with the sums paid out by the United States for the same length of time.

As the Charleston News and Courier says, this sounds very alarming by itself, but perhaps matters are not so bad after all. The United States have spent more money in pensions in two years than all the countries named have spent on war purposes in four years. The item should not get excited so easily.

LIMITATION OF DRESS ON THE STAGE.

Whatever difference of opinion there may be on the subject, the fact remains that the matter of sumptuous costuming on the stage has by far exceeded the limits of necessity. There can be no question about this, that the rule with regard to costume should be that it strictly conforms to the character. Whenever, as a noted writer says on the subject, the attire supercedes or transcends the dramatic status the play is at an end, and the pantomime in haberdashery begins.

Dumas, the young, by the publication of an article in a well known Parisian magazine, once attempted to check this abuse and bring back the costume and appointments to their primitive simplicity, and where he failed there is little hope that in this day a similar attempt will be more fruitful of success. However, one who writes at all on the subject cannot fail to do good, though it must be confessed that there is little or any hope of a thorough reformation of the abuses complained of. There are men and women on the stage today who know that every step taken in the direction under review simply degrades the actor or actress, and makes him or her finally "a mere clothes-wearer, and the servile valet of the costume designer."

A writer on this subject, whose information on matters theatrical is as good as the best, says that whenever the garb fails to illustrate the character and make it plain to the spectator—whatever other object it may accomplish—it falls short of the essential purpose of the honest stage representation. The untimely display, he says, diminishes the dramatic force, arrests the vital motive of the scene, and depresses the proper emotion of the audience. In a word, gaudy dress is a cheap though

costly substitute of useless merchandise for the ennobling ecstasies of art and nature. It constantly and obtrusively supplants the essential for the non-essential, and every such outfit pushes further and further away from us the legitimate drama and the primal business of the theatre.

NOTES AND OPINIONS.

The supply of Colonels in Kentucky continues abnormally large, especially since the Grand Army of the Republic met in Louisville.

Five daring thieves held up an electric car in Pittsburgh suburbs Monday and relieved several of the passengers of their watches and money.

It is now claimed that the Spanish cruiser Barcoategui, said to have been sunk in collision with a merchant steamer, was really sunk by a torpedo launched by Cuban rebels.

A princess, a countess, a duchess and the daughter of a reigning prince, were among the 1,000 thieves, professional and unprofessional, arrested in Paris during the first six months of the year.

The prisoners in one of the Oregon jails are being fed three times a day at some of the town restaurants, filling through the streets under guard like a girl's boarding school. Local grocers have refused to bid for the jail supply contract.

A young man in Brooklyn offered to bet a street pedler \$1 that his pedler was hair oil and water. The pedler took the dollar and ran away. The young man caught him and got his dollar back, and then yelled so that he was arrested for making a disturbance.

John Sowers, an American citizen and Cuban sugar planter, formerly expelled from the island, under Martinez Campes order, will appeal to the State Department at Washington, and his case, it is said, may precipitate trouble between the United States and Spain. Mr. Sowers is a Virginian.

The Indian sports say that the Corbett-Pittsburgh fight will come off as per programme. Gov. Culberson, of Texas, insists that it will not. It remains to be seen whose say-so counts for most in Texas, that of the executive of the State or that of the prize fighter. Exchange.

PERSONALS.

When Sarah Barnhardt goes shopping she buys everything wholesale. Ten or twelve baskets will sometimes be ordered at a time.

Mrs. Lizzy M. Frost, of Monmouth, Michigan a grist mill. She turns on power and watches the machinery while her husband writes poems.

Two illustrious women will celebrate this year the 75th anniversary of their birth. They are Florence Nightingale and Jean Ingelow.

Mrs. Diaz will represent her husband prominently at the Atlanta Exposition, as the Mexican law forbids the president leaving that country during his term of office.

Mrs. Mary Woertz, of Bridgeport, was eating a pear and swallowed a bee. The insect stung her on the throat and her throat swelled so that she was unable to speak.

Henry M. Stanley's method of pacifying hostile speaking is bluff, and is slightly declamatory. He has no sense of humor, but fortifies himself well with facts and statistics before he speaks.

Miss Vanderbilt will on her marriage become the third American duchess of our time—the relations of all three being somewhat close. The first was the Dowager Duchess of Manchester, Christiana Vyse, after whom Consuelo is named; the second was the second wife of her prospective husband's father. It is worthy of record also that the uncle of the present Duke, the late Lord Randolph Churchill, married Miss Jerome.

Through the Needle's Eye.
 A rich man died, and they laid him away
 To enable to dust beneath the clay.
 When his soul from the earth away had flown,
 It soared up aloft to the judgment throne,
 And he cried at the gate, "Say, let me in,
 For down on the earth I committed no sin."

"You committed no sin," the apostle replied.
 "But your talents—the richest—which God did provide,
 You used them to add to your hoarded store
 While wretched humanity starved at your door."
 For sins of omission with God given gold
 I cannot permit you to enter the fold."
 —Atlanta Journal.



Mrs. Viola Emery

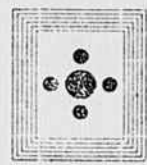
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